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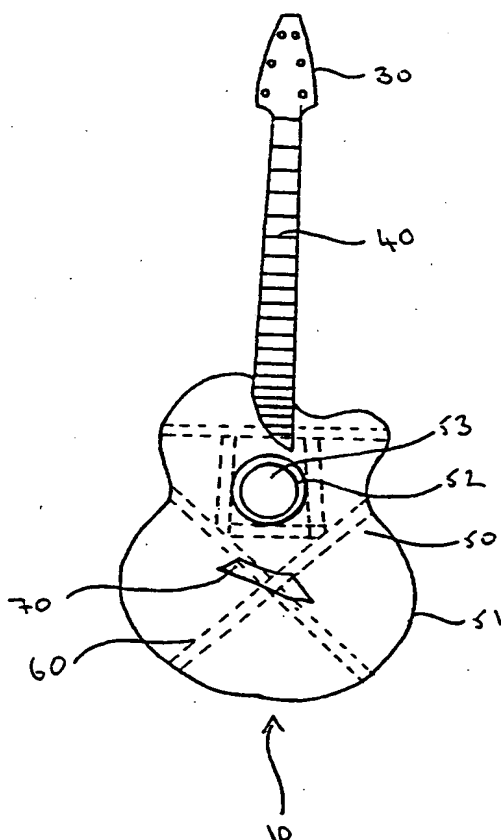
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(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns acoustic devices, particularly musical instruments, having a new and improved soundboard formed from expanded polycarbonate, methods of manufacture of same, and the use of specific soundboards in the manufacture of acoustic devices.



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